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Please amend the claims as follows:

1-21. Cancelled

22. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the oral toxicity of aqueous fluids containing ethylene glycol comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an aqueous fluid containing ethylene glycol;
- (b) providing propylene glycol ~~a second glycol that acts as an alcohol dehydrogenase enzyme inhibitor when it is mixed with ethylene glycol~~, and
- (c) mixing a sufficient amount of the propylene glycol ~~second glycol~~ with the aqueous fluid containing ethylene glycol to achieve a concentration of the propylene glycol ~~second glycol~~ that is between about one percent by weight and less than 30 percent by weight of the sum of the weight of the ethylene glycol fraction and the weight of the second propylene glycol fraction in the resulting fluid, ~~wherein the resulting fluid has an LD<sub>50</sub> value for oral toxicity in rats of at least 10,000 mg/kg.~~

23-25. Cancelled.

26. (currently amended) The method according to claim 22 ~~23~~, wherein propylene glycol is mixed with the fluid containing ethylene glycol such that the concentration of propylene glycol in the resulting mixture is between 1 weight percent and 10 weight percent of the sum of the weight of the ethylene glycol fraction of the mixture and the weight of the propylene glycol fraction of the mixture.

27. (currently amended) The method according to claim 22 ~~23~~, wherein propylene glycol is mixed with the fluid containing ethylene glycol such that the concentration of propylene glycol in the resulting mixture is about 5 weight percent of the sum of the weight of the ethylene glycol fraction of the mixture and the weight of the propylene glycol fraction of the mixture.

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28-29. Cancelled.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the aqueous fluid containing ethylene glycol and the second glycol comprises more than 10 percent by weight water.

31. (new) A method for reducing the oral toxicity of aqueous fluids containing ethylene glycol comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an aqueous fluid containing ethylene glycol;
- (b) providing glycerol; and
- (c) mixing a sufficient amount of the glycerol with the aqueous fluid

containing ethylene glycol to achieve a concentration of the glycerol that is between about 5 percent by weight and about 20 percent by weight of the sum of the weight of the ethylene glycol fraction and the weight of the glycerol fraction in the resulting fluid.

32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the aqueous fluid containing ethylene glycol and glycerol comprises more than 10 percent by weight water.